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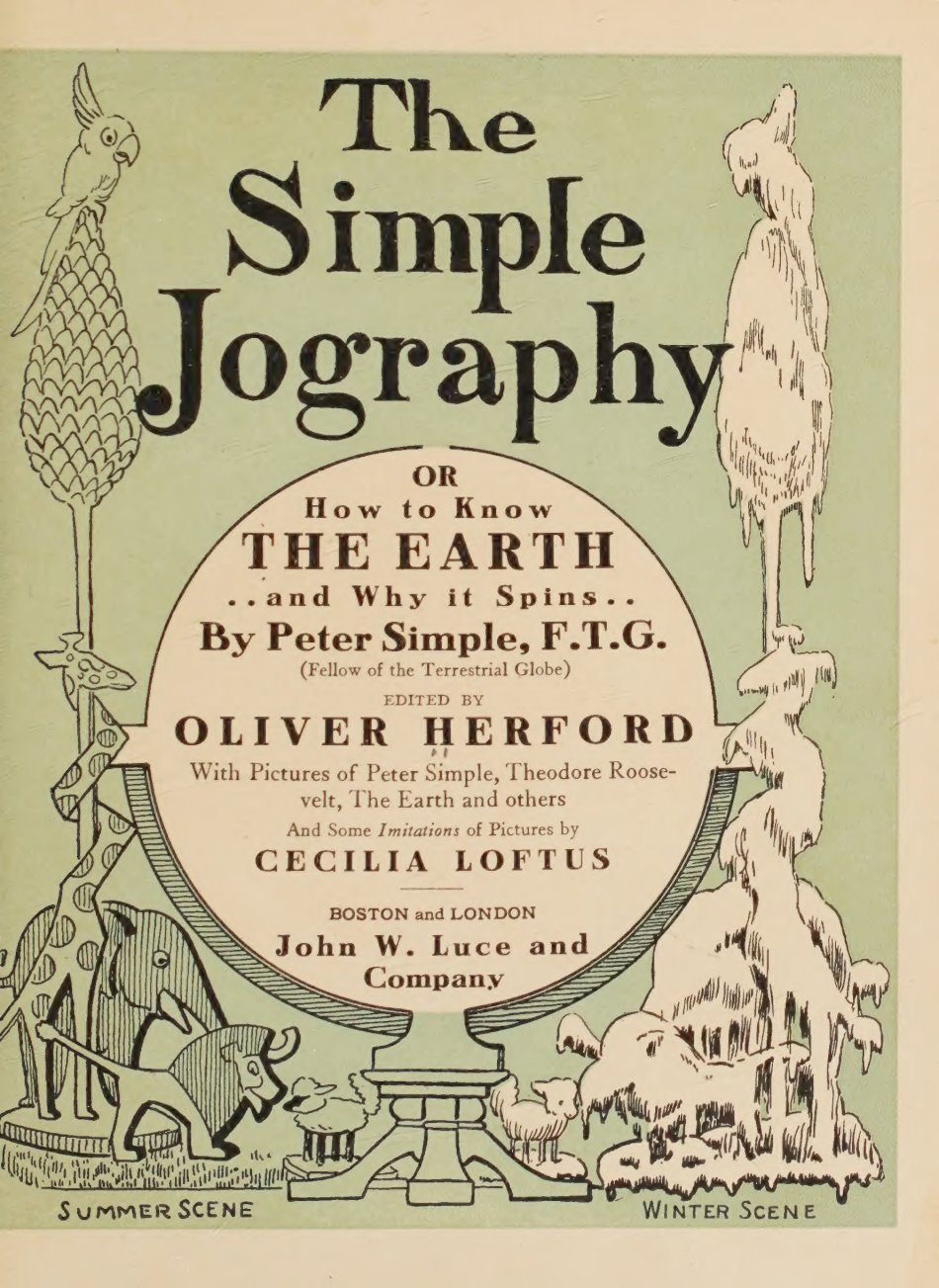
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OR  
How to Know  
**THE EARTH**  
..and Why it Spins..  
By Peter Simple, F.T.G.  
(Fellow of the Terrestrial Globe)

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# THE SIMPLE JOGRAPHY

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The world is so full of a number of things  
I'm sure we should all be as happy as Kings.

*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

To Peggy

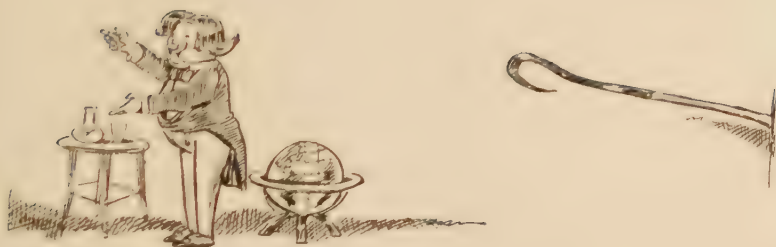


A BUSY DAY IN NEW YORK

*An imitation of a picture*

By CECILIA LOFTUS





## THE BEGINNING

It is a Long Jump from Moses, the author of the First work on Geography, to Peter Simple, —

When the acrobatic reader has fetched his breath and looks back at the fearsome list of Geographers he has skipped — Anaximander, Hecatoeus, Demoeritus, Eudoxus, Ephorus, Dicocearchus, Erasthones, Polybius, Posidonius, James Montieth and Charles F. King, he may well be thankful to find he has fallen upon his feet.

Peter Simple is in our midst. His noble features illumine the front of this book —; he marks an Epoch, and yet, dear Reader, we must not imagine that the Science of Geography stops short with Peter Simple. Other geographers will come and go; their task is endless.



The Planet they endeavor to portray is perpetually changing its appearance. After thousands and thousands of years, it is no nearer completion than it was in the beginning.

The Sea with its white teeth, bites the edges of the Continents into New Shapes, as a child bites a cookie. The Glaciers file away the mountains into valleys and plains. Beneath the ocean busy insects are building the foundations of new continents, and under the earth Fiery Demons are ready at all times to burst forth and help things along.

It really begins to look as if this Planet never *would* be finished.

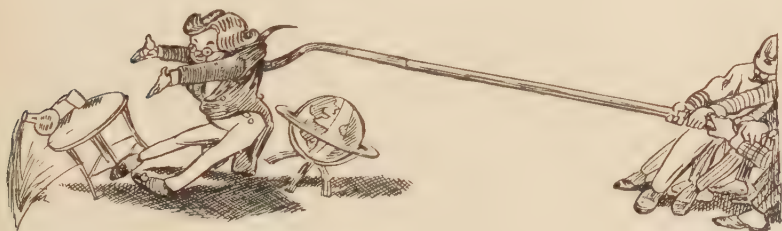
In the first chapter of his Geography, Moses tells us there were only TWO PEOPLE in the world. Today we are preparing to put up the STANDING ROOM ONLY notice. In another thousand years, for aught we know, the earth may be going round dark and tenantless and bearing the sign "TO LET."

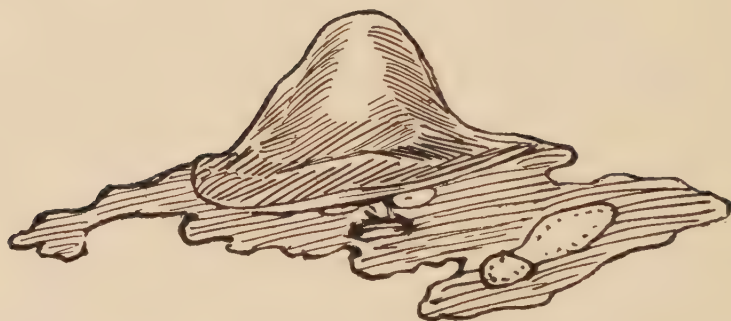


What does it matter to us? What are we but microscopic weevils in the mouldy crust of Earth. Sufficient unto the day is the weevil thereof.

In the meantime the Simple Geography is before you. In a thousand years it, too, may be out of date. Take it, before it is too late, not because it is improving, but as you take a Breakfast Food, because it is harmless and simple and full of chaff, and ready to serve and when taken with cream, sugar, coffee, eggs, fruit and beefsteak, makes an excellent repast.

With these few words, I now ——





MAP OF CUBA, SHOWING SAN JUAN HILL, AND WHERE GEN. TAFT LANDED





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## Part I

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# THE EARTH

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A BUSY DAY IN PARIS

*An imitation of a picture*

*By CECILIA LOFTUS.*

*Chapter I***THE EARTH**

**Scientists**, who delight in applying harsh terms to things that cannot talk back, have called the **Earth** an **Oblate Spheroid**.



A SCIENTIST

Simple people like our-

selves call it a **Ball** or compare it to an **Orange**.

We often hear people remark, "How small the **World** is!" Such people have never been round the **Earth** and form their idea from the miniature **Globes** used in schools.

The **Earth** is really quite large.

Her waist measurement is no less than 25,000 miles. In the hope of reducing it the **Earth** takes the most violent and unceasing exercise. But though she spins round herself once a day and round the sun once a year she has not so far succeeded in taking off a single



mile or even in keeping comfortably warm all over.

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#### QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

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- ¶ Explain the Nebular Hypothesis.
- ¶ State briefly the electro-mag-netical constituents of the Aurora Borealis, and explain their relation to the Hertzian waves.
- ¶ Define the difference between the Hertzian wave and the Marcel wave.

## *Chapter II*

### THE EARTH'S USE

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What is the **Earth** for?  
Nobody knows.

Some say the Earth was made to supply the wants of **Man** — this may be true, but as man is part and parcel of the Earth itself, it does not answer the question.

Other more **Practical** people say “We don’t care what the Earth was made for, it’s a **GOOD THING**,” and proceed to grab as much as they can for their private enjoyment.

As long as the **Ultimate**





**Purpose** of the Earth is **Kept Dark**, the wisdom or unwisdom of these Practical People must remain in doubt.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

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- ¶ What is the value of the Earth?
- ¶ State the comparative values of Earth in New York and Texas in 1878.
- ¶ What is unearned increment?
- ¶ Give an Example.

*Chapter III*

**THE EARTH'S CRUST**

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Other Geographers speak of the "earth's crust" as if there were only one — in reality, there are, as in a pie, two crusts, — the **Upper Crust** and the **Under Crust**.

The upper crust is pleasantly situated on the top, and is light and agreeable and much sought after.

The under crust is **Dull** and **Heavy** and disagreeable. The only apparent reason for its existence is to support the Upper Crust.



When, as sometimes happens, the **Social Pie** is turned upside down, the under crust then becomes the upper crust.



A SOCIAL LEADER AT NEWPORT

This is, however, a rare and somewhat dangerous experiment.

The Social Pie has never been described more beautifully than in the following matchless lines by that most prolific of all poets ANON.

The upper Crust is light as snow  
And Gay with Sugar Rime  
The under crust must stay Below  
It has a Horrid time.

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NOTE.— During this lesson the teacher should distribute pies among the children to illustrate the respective positions of the two crusts.



### *Chapter IV*

## IMAGINARY LINES

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The **Axis** of the **Earth** is an imaginary **Big Stick** round which it revolves.

This little work, however, treats only of realities — and, since we have no space to spare for imaginary things — we can not discuss the axis.

The **Equator** is also an imaginary line. We, therefore, dismiss the **Equator** with the Axis.



DISMISSING THE EQUATOR

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

- ¶ State the percentage of gain in power by the elimination of friction in the use of an imaginary axis in the place of a big stick.
- ¶ What is the principle of the Gyroscope and what is its application in the Rotary motion of the Earth?
- ¶ What is the mean width of an imaginary line?







*Chapter V*  
**THE EARTH'S AGE**

Some people are sensitive about their ages.

The **Earth** has never told us hers.

Rude scientists, after careful examination, declare she can't be a day under **five million years** old.

Theologians, ever tactful in feminine matters, set

her down as a Shrinking Young Thing of barely **four thousand summers**.

Perhaps this may explain why **Bishops** are usually fat and **Biologists** lean.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD**

- ¶ State the exact age of the Earth?
- ¶ How long will the Earth last at the rate it is going?
- ¶ What is the difference between a Bishop and a Biologist?



THE NEW WORLD



THE OLD WORLD

*Chapter VI***THE EARTH'S FACE**

There are no good photographs of the **Earth**. The Earth refuses to sit.

Imagine trying to photograph a flighty old **Sphe-roid** who spends her time pirouetting around in a circle with all her might and main.



*This sketch was made by our artist from a Hot Air Balloon when the Earth wasn't looking.*



Perhaps it is to avoid the **Photographer** that the Earth spins, and not merely to reduce her girth, as we hinted elsewhere.

In these days such a strenuous evasion of publicity is suspicious.

Supposing some day in a very crowded street, you should see an **Old Party** twirling round in a circle with all his might and main.

Would you not shake your head?

Suppose said Old Party refused to say where he came from or where he was going.

Would you not pause to think?

If, on inquiry, you found the O. P. had been going round for years under various male and female aliases, such as,—**Cosmos, Mother Earth, The World, Terra Firma, Mrs. Grundy, The Footstool, The Globe.**

Would you not, even if you were a **Detective**, begin to be suspicious?

What then would you think, if, on looking over the **Old Party's Record**, you found the following **Press Notices**:—

"The Earth's a thief."—*Timon of Athens.*

"Earth's bitter."—*Wordsworth.*

"This distracted Globe."—*Hamlet.*



"This tough World." — *King Lear*.

"Naughty World!" — *Merchant of Venice*.

"This World is given to lying." — *Henry IV*.

"The World is too much with us." — *Wordsworth*.

"The World is grown so bad." — *Richard III*.

"The narrow World." — *Julius Cæsar*.

"The World is not thy friend." — *Romeo and Juliet*.

"The World's a Bubble." — *Bacon*.

"This World is all a fleeting show." — *Moore*.

"The World was not worthy." — *St. Paul*.

"The World's a tragedy." — *Horace Walpole*.

"This Bleak World." — *Moore*.

"The weary weight of all this

unintelligible World." — *Wordsworth*."

"A world of vile ill-favour'd faults." — *Merry Wives of Windsor*.

"Stale, flat and unprofitable seem to me all the uses of this world." — *Hamlet*."

"This Dim Spot that Men call Earth." — *Milton*.

"The wicked world." — *W. S. Gilbert*.

Would you not deem it time to call a **Policeman**, or, if in **New York**, to write to **General Bingham** and ask him kindly to send one at his earliest convenience.

We are inclined to believe that the **Earth** has read the above clippings, and realizing that she is **Discovered**, spins round with all her

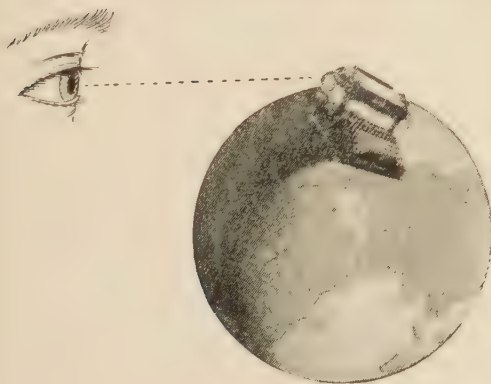


might and main to avoid being photographed for the **Rogues Gallery** of the **Universe**.

Appearances are certainly against her.

#### QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

- ¶ What do you think of the world at large?
- ¶ Why *is* the world at large?
- ¶ What is the "author's clipping" bureau?
- ¶ Why do so few authors look as if they had been clipped?



In this wonderful **Photograph** a **Typewriter** is seen crawling 'round the **Earth**. As shown by **Diagram** the **Upper Part** of the Typewriter becomes visible **First**.

This proves the **Rotundity** of the Earth.

*Chapter VII***CLIMATE AND  
WEATHER**

**Climate** is a **Theory**.

**Weather** is a **Condition**.

Or to make it more clear to the child **Climate** is a **Hypothesis-Weather**, a **Reductio ad absurdum**.

What is the Weather **For**?

Everything in **Nature** is designed to contribute to the **Needs** or **Pleasures** of Man.



**A TREE**

From the tree of the for-

est we get the wood from which nutmegs are made, the **Wood Alcohol** for our **Scotch Highballs** and the



**A SCOTCH HIGHBALL**

**Paper** for our **Yellow Journals** which, in turn, are transmuted to **Leather** for the soles of our **Soldiers' Boots**.

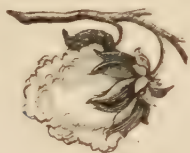
From the sands of the **Sea** we make **Sugar** to sweeten our coffee — that mysterious beverage, the secret of whose manufacture has never been revealed.

From the **Cotton Plant** come the **Woolen Under-**





garments and the **Soldiers' Blanket.**



A COTTON PLANT

From the **Simple Turnip** is distilled the **Golden Champagne** without which so many lives would be empty.



A STRAW

Even the **Humble Straw** has its use — to indicate the trend of the air current — and for the stuffing of the **Life Preserver.**

What **Then** is the use of the **Weather.**

Supposing you had made a **World** and put some **People** upon it to live. What would you do then to set things going?

You would give the **People** something to talk about.

Just so — **The Weather** was designed to furnish a universal topic of conversation for **Man.**

Without the **Weather** nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine **People** out of a million would have nothing to talk about.

In the first **Geography**



**Book** we learn from **Moses** how the weather was made, that the evenings were cool, and what is more wonderful, that the **Fruit Season** was good.

Since then nothing has been so much talked about as the **Weather**. And in nothing has so little advance been made.

#### QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

- ¶ What has the Weather done to get itself talked about?
- ¶ Is it notoriety that makes the Weather Vane?
- Why is it that in London where the sky is in constant need of scraping there are no scy-scrapers?

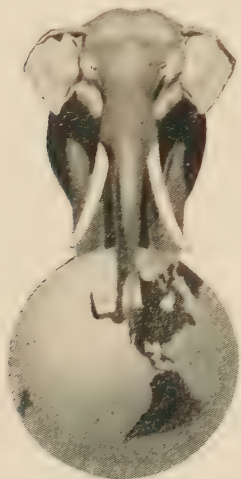




*Chapter VIII*

**LAND AND WATER**

See the **Elephant**.  
He is washing the **Globe**.



The clean part is called the **Water** and is inhabited by **Oysters, Clams, Lobsters** and **Turtles**—besides

delightful **Schools** of **Fishes** and **Whales**.



THE COLLEGE YELL OF A SCHOOL  
OF WHALES

The large spots of **Dirt** which the **Elephant** cannot remove (even with the best advertised soap) are called land and are alive with **Human Beings** and other **Animals** made especially for man's food or amusement.

Beside the animals, are many other things such as



A RIVER BED

**Mountains, Tablelands, Rivers, Forests and Lakes.**

The **Principal Mountains** are included in the **Presidential Range** which is surrounded by **Forests** of tall timber used chiefly in **Platform** and **Cabinet-making**.

**Rivers** are the most curious and interesting form of water. Tho' seldom dry they are as lengthy and involved as **Henry James'** sentences and have to be curled into the most impossible shapes to get them into the countries where they belong.



The first thing a **River** does after rising is to go as fast as it can to the nearest **River Bed** in which it remains for the rest of its existence.

The most famous **River** in the world is the **Blue Danube**, called after a popular waltz of that name.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

- ¶ Why does a River go to sea?  
and What?
- ¶ How many rivers can get into  
One River Bed?
- ¶ Why do Mountains in Maps  
look like caterpillars?
- ¶ State the difference between a  
Mountain and a Caterpillar.
- ¶ What is the name of the driest  
state in the U. S.?
- ¶ Why is the Ocean called the  
Main?



A TABLE LAND



THE "BAD LANDS"





*Chapter IX*

THE DISCOVERY OF THE WORLD



THE FALL OF THE YEAR 5908

*(From an Early Print)*

In the **First Geography** Moses tells of a young married couple who stumbled upon the Earth through an unfortunate mistake in the Fall of the year **5908 Before Roosevelt.**



About seventeen centuries after this, the **World** was **Lost** sight of in a **Deluge**.

It was **Re-Discovered** by a navigator named **Noah**, who though barely six hundred years old was commander of a sea-going menagerie.

Noah, after cruising about for twelve months and ten days, landed from his zoological water wagon upon a precipitous **Asiatic Jag** named **Ararat** on the twenty-seventh of February of the year **4254 Before Roosevelt**.



NOAH

*Chapter X***THE HABITABLE  
GLOBE**

The term "**Habitable Globe**" was doubtless invented by some Celestial Humorist who had never visited this Planet.

People live on it to be sure, but they have no choice, there is nowhere else to live.

Let us consider the world as an **Apartment House**.

We are told it was finished in six days. No wonder it is faultily constructed.

The **Heating Apparatus** is out of date.

The apartments nearest to the Radiator are insufferably hot, those farthest away unbearably cold and



those between, too changeable for comfort.

The **Water Supply** is unreliable.

In some apartments great



numbers perish every year from thirst.

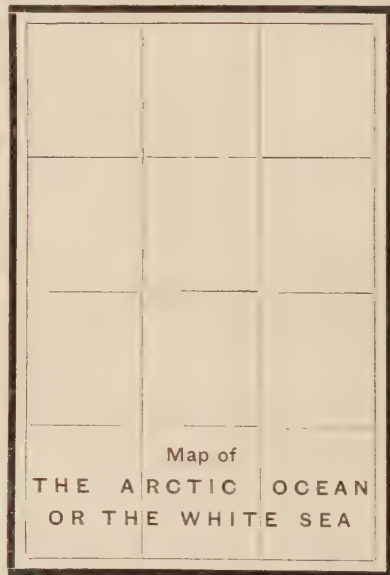
In the cellar there is a fire-work factory, where in defiance of regulation are stored high explosives.

These blow up from time to time causing great damage and loss of life.

The **Janitor** is a disobliging old person called Tempus, who regulates everything by his Hour Glass.

He has been there since the **House** was started and holds his job in spite of incessant complaints.

When asked to hurry he fairly crawls and when people want him most to stay nothing can stop him.





*Chapter XI*

**Population  
Possibilities**



(IN THE YEAR 4004 B.C.)

The first **Tenants** are said to have been a **Young Married Couple** who had been obliged to leave a more luxurious apartment



(IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE)

because children were not allowed, though animals of all kinds—even snakes were tolerated.

On the whole, the **Globe**



is anything but a model apartment house. Each family considers itself the only **Moral Family** in the building and talks scandal of the others, and they are constantly fighting for the possession of the most desirable rooms.

#### QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

- ¶ Who were the First Tenants?
- ¶ Which is the most fashionable floor of the Earth Apartment House?
- ¶ Which is the fastest Race?
- ¶ Which is the slowest?
- ¶ What relation does the Temperate Zone bear to the Milky Way?
- ¶ State the comparative value of human life at Retail and Wholesale.



THE ORIGINAL "FIRST FAMILY"



*Chapter XII***RACE**

To continue the **Apartment House Theory**.

The **Globe** is divided according to the **Heat Supply** into five stories or **Zones**. The **Torrid Zone**, the **Two Temperate Zones**, and the **Two Arctic Zones**.

The **Equator**, which is the hottest of all the apartments, may be called the **Clothes Line**, because here the people draw the line at Clothes.

The **Tenants** of the different stories, originally of one color, have been

baked to various shades, according to their proximity to the **Solar Stove**. This color distinction is called **Race**. There are five Races, the **White**, the **Yellow**, the **Red**, the **Brown** and the **Black**.



THE BLACK RACE

*Chapter XIII***CIVILIZATION**

All the **Race Family** agree that the people of the **Globe** ought to be of one **Color**.



THE HUMAN RACE

Each Race, however, believes that his own particular tint is the only fit tint for a **Civilized Human Being**.

The **Tint Question** can only be settled in one way.

By the Survival of the Fittest.

The **Fittest Tint** will be the one that wipes all the other Tints off the **Terrestrial Slate**.



A MILL RACE

**QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD**

- ¶ What is your favorite color?
- ¶ What is the relation of the Darwinian theory to the multiplication table?

*Chapter XIV***POWERS**  

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There is only one way to wipe all the other **Tints** off the **Globe**.

To this end each **Family** spends most of its money in training vast numbers of slaves in the art of destroying **Human Life**.

These slaves are called **Soldiers**.

**Each Family** is rated according to the power of its **Soldiers** to destroy other Families.

Hence, the **Civilized Powers**.



*Chapter XV***THE EARTH'S POPULATION**

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The **Population** of the **Earth** consists of:

¶ 999,000,000 (more or less) **Human Beings**.

¶ 1,000,000 (more or less) **Chaffeurs**.



A HUMAN BEING



A CHAFFEUR

¶ Human Beings are grouped according to their **Colours**.



¶ They may be divided into two great **Classes**.

1. Those tinted by **Nature**.
2. Those who **Tint Themselves**.

The former come in various shades of **Fast Colours** (see chapter on **Race**).

The latter are of a changeable **Pink**, with the exception of **Savages** who prefer more elaborate color schemes.



A RED MAN  
(Fast Colour)



A PINK LADY  
(Not Water Proof)

*Chapter XVI***GOVERNMENTS OF THE EARTH**

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The best definition of **Government** may be found in Wordsworth's lines:

*"The simple Plan  
That they should take who have the power  
And they should keep who can."*

In every community on **Earth** — the strongest, the craftiest or the wealthiest of the male inhabitants combine to compel their weaker, stupider or poorer brothers and sisters to pay them for the privilege of remaining on earth.

A Government by the **Strongest** is called an **Absolute Monarchy**.

A Government by the **Craftiest**, a **Limited Monarchy**.

And a Government by the **Wealthiest**, a **Republic**.





In an **Absolute Monarchy**, the **People** are **Controlled.**

In a **Limited Monarchy**, they are **Cajoled.**

In a **Republic**, they are **Sold.**

For the successful operation of Limited Monarchies and Republics it is necessary to delude the **Common People** into the belief they are managing their own affairs.

This is accomplished by means of:

**a House of Commons,  
Chamber of Deputies,  
Senate,  
Reichstag,  
Douma, etc.**

These merry contrivances are designed on the principle of the revolving squirrel cage. furnishing harmless exercise without progression.

*(See Moving Picture on next page)*

QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

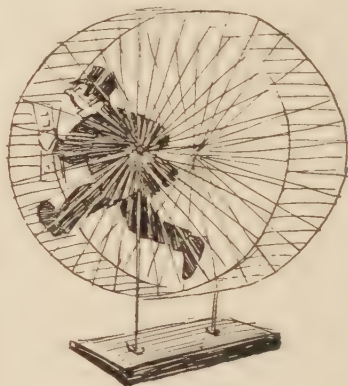
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Q.: *What is a Constitution?*

Ans.: **A Concession to Liberty enabling her to talk Herself to Death.**

Q.: *What is the Essential Difference between one Government and Another?*

Ans.: **The Price of Life.**



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES  
SENATE  
REICHSTAG  
DOUMA, etc., etc.

*Chapter XVII***THE RULERS OF THE  
EARTH**  
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No one has so lightly  
touched upon and grace-  
fully rebounded from this  
**Dangerous Ground** as  
**Lewis Carroll** in "The  
Walrus and the Carpenter:"

*"The time has come, the walrus  
said,*

*"To talk of many things*

*"Of ships and shoes and sealing  
wax*

*"And Cabbages and Kings."*

This would be a most  
interesting chapter in an  
otherwise instructive work  
if we had the space and the

simplicity to do the subject  
strict justice.

Our publisher, however,  
does not wish this little  
book suppressed any more  
than is necessary for  
advertising purposes.

We therefore reluctantly  
change the subject.



ROOSEVELT AT BATTLE OF SAN  
JUAN HILL



### *Chapter XVIII*

## THE MORALS OF THE EARTH

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According to Moses, the **First Geographer**, immortality is an heirloom handed down to us from our first parents.



MORAL MAP OF THE WORLD

(Showing the Degrees of Moral Latitude)



Modern scientists declare that it is merely a neuropathic reaction due to the excitation of **Climatic Energy** and extrinsic environment on the celliferous organism. In other words, a vice is nothing more than a virtue outside of its natural geographical latitude.

This is clearly shown in the accompanying **Moral Map** of the World.



Absolute purity.



Highly moral.



Intolerance — parsimony — taciturnity — comstockery — hypocrisy.



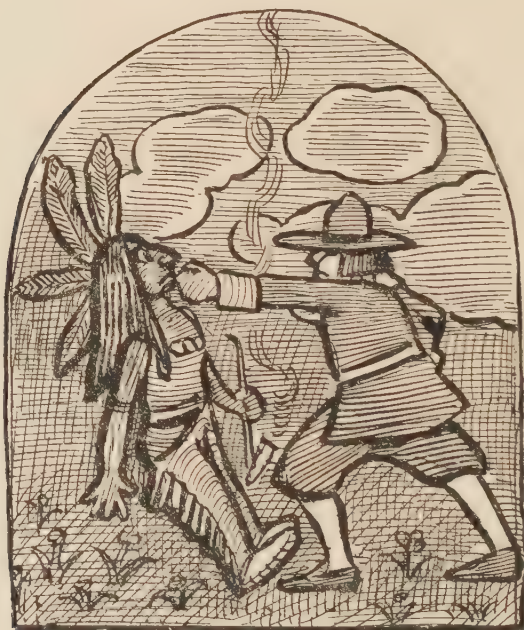
Greed — extravagance — litigation — frenzied finance — dissipation — profligacy — anarchy — bigamy.



Gayety — civility — mendacity — mendicancy — jealousy — cruelty — vengeance — polygamy.



Indolence — love of colour — love of show (sartorial or the reverse) — belligerency — cannibalism.



A PILGRIM LANDING



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## Part II

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### THE COUNTRIES OF THE EARTH

*In describing the various Countries of the Earth, the better to avoid partiality, we shall begin at the top and travel downwards in as many directions at once, as possible, without regard to continents.*





## *Chapter XIX*

### THE NORTH POLE

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The **North Pole** is the **Geographical Interrogation Point** of the **Earth**.

It is probably the only absolutely **Moral Spot** in the world.

Some **Scientists** declare it to be the site of the **Garden of Eden**, thus giving colour to the popular notion that Eden was the original **Roof Garden**.

Whatever use may ultimately be found for the **North Pole**, up to the present time it has only been

used for **Advertising Purposes**.

The **Frozen Tracts** that surround it bear the name of **Adventurers, Princes, and Editors**, and the very topmost **Tip**, out of compliment to a well-known pianist, has been called the **Magnetic Pole**.



A MAGNETIC POLE



So far as we know, all the advantages of the **North Pole** are shared by the **South Pole**, but for some reason the South Pole has never been a success as an advertising medium.



OCEAN SCENE

*(Showing a Steamer Battling with the Marcel Waves)*

*Chapter XX***AMERICA**

The continent of America was first noticed by one Björne Herjulfson about 919 years before Roosevelt.



ANCIENT MAP OF AMERICAN CONTINENT



As the above map (made about **400 Years Before Roosevelt**) shows, the **American Continent** had not then attained anything like its present size.

The son of Herjulfson did not think it of sufficient importance to take its **Name** and **Address**.

If you wish to know the **Best** Advertised and therefore most **Popular Discoverer** of America call up **One-Four-Nine-Two Columbus**.

Columbus, though a most persistent discoverer, — having discovered America four times — **Carelessly Neglected** to write a magazine article or even a book on his **Impressions of America**.

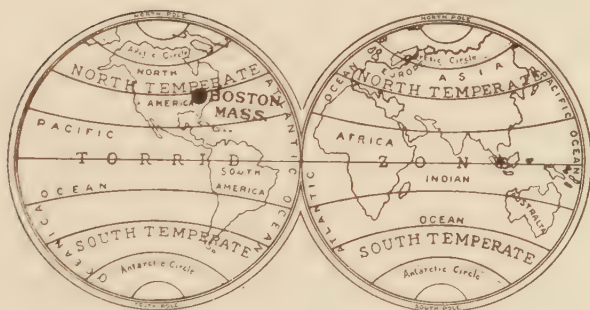
This was done some seven years later by **Amerigo Vespucci** who made up for lost time by rushing into print and **Copyrighting** the continent in his **Own Name**.

There were many other discoverers of America — too many to mention here — but none of them took out a **Patent** for his **Discovery**.

It was not until **Eighteen Hundred and Something** that North and South America were patented by **James Munroe**.



THE MAYFLOWER, WITH CARGO OF GENUINE HEIRLOOMS

*Chapter XXI***BOSTON**

MAP OF BOSTON AND VICINITY

In spite of laudable attempts **America** was never properly discovered until the year 1620 A.D., or (**284 Years Before Roosevelt**) when the **Mayflower** landed in **Massachusetts** with a cargo of old furniture, spinning wheels and ancestors.

Thus were established the three leading industries of Massachusetts. The Manufacture of: **Antique Furniture, Roulette Wheels, and Pedigrees.**



**Boston** is a **centre of Gravity** surrounded by **Newtons**.

**Boston** is also the centre of the Universe and former official residence of Mr. Percival Lowell, the sole accredited representative on earth of the **Planet Mars**.

**Boston** is famous for its historic associations and treasures which well repay a visit. Even the quaint and curious **Pullmans** that convey the traveller thither are relics of a bygone day and a joy to the heart of the **antiquarian**.



A TRAIN ON THE NEW HAVEN ROAD



*Chapter XXII***CANADA**

Canada is one of the principal **Stockholders** in the **British Crown**. With the exception of Mexico, Canada is the only part of North America not ruled by the **Irish**.

It was at one time a popular health resort for **High Financiers** from the United States.

The principal exports of Canada are Seals, Statistics, Poetry, Fish, Fur, and Sir Gilbert Parker.

**NOTE.** — The Inhabitants are the Most Moral and Patriotic people in the World and their Army is second to none in Bravery.



*Chapter XXIII***THE UNITED STATES**

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The **United States** is a large body of laughter-loving people completely surrounded by **Trusts**.

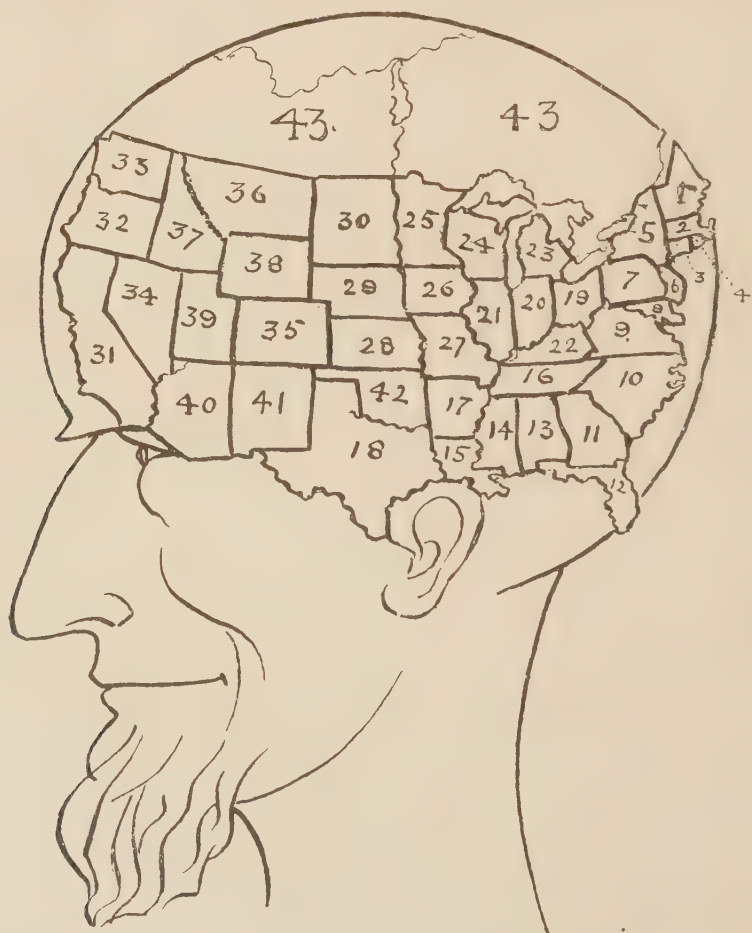
If we stand the **Map** of the United States upon its eastern edge we see in its outline the head of "**Uncle Sam**" in profile.

Let us consider the United States upon this head. Like the Plaster of Paris Cranium of **Phrenology** it is divided into a number of moral or temperamental 'states, differing in character according to their topographical and climatic conditions.

They are as follows:



A NEW YORK STREET PAVEMENT





## UNCLE SAM'S PHRENOLOGICAL CHART

- 1 Thirst ..... *Maine*
- 2 Self-effacement ..... *Massachusetts*
- 3 Calculation ..... *Connecticut*
- 4 Providence ..... *Rhode Island*
- 5 Love of the Almighty (\$) ..... *New York*
- 6 Justice ..... *New Jersey*
- 7 Somnolence ..... *Pennsylvania*
- 8 Love of Peaches ..... *Maryland and Delaware*
- 9 Pride of Race ..... *Virginia*
- 10 Cognizance of Time between Drinks... *North and South Carolina*
- 11 Piety and Love of Camp-meetings... *Georgia*
- 12 Fruitfulness ..... *Florida*
- 13 Coonfulness ..... *Alabama*
- 14 Colour ..... *Mississippi*
- 15 Levity ..... *Louisiana*
- 16 Illicit Spirituality ..... *Tennessee*
- 17 Love of Travel ..... *Arkansas*
- 18 Size ..... *Texas*
- 19 Bashfulness ..... *Ohio*
- 20 Scribosity ..... *Indiana*
- 21 Armorousness ..... *Illinois*
- 22 Horse Sense ..... *Kentucky*

**PHRENOLOGICAL CHART** (*Continued*)

23	Aquasity.....	<i>Michigan</i>
24	{	<i>Wisconsin and Minnesota</i>
25		
26	Plainness .....	<i>Iowa</i>
27	Incredulity .....	<i>Missouri</i>
28	Animosity .....	<i>Kansas</i>
29	Nebraskability .....	<i>Nebraska</i>
30	Love of Freedom.....	<i>Dakota</i>
31	Modesty .....	<i>California</i>
32	Oregonality .....	<i>Oregon</i>
33	Furbearance .....	<i>Washington</i>
34	Argentility .....	<i>Nevada</i>
35	Pique .....	<i>Colorado</i>
36	Breadth .....	<i>Montana</i>
37	Presence of Mine.....	<i>Idaho</i>
38	Gamefulness .....	<i>Wyoming</i>
39	Conjugality .....	<i>Utah</i>
40	Cowboyishness .....	<i>Arizona</i>
41	Sheepishness .....	<i>New Mexico</i>
42	Reserve .....	<i>Indian Territory</i>
43	Reciprocity .....	<i>Canada</i>



THE MOST FAMOUS PRODUCTS OF THE UNITED STATES  
ARE MARK TWAIN AND SKYSCRAPERS





The United States contains **Eighty Million** people, 700,000 chauffeurs, and **Ten Painters**.

The original inhabitants were **Red**. They were supplanted by **Pink Pilgrims** and their descendants.

These in turn — but who can tell what the ultimate **color scheme** will be? Much depends upon the treatment of **Doctor Monroe** and still more on the **American Navy**.

In the large cities there are unmistakable signs that the inhabitants will soon — unless the present tendency is corrected — revert to the condition of the **Arboreal Anthropoids**.

A race of **Straphangers** is developing. At certain hours of the day they may be seen seeking their habitations in great flocks, swinging from strap to strap with loud cries and a peculiar whirling motion.



The most famous products of the United States are Sky Scrapers, Mark Twain, and the busy half of Niagara Falls.

In its beginning the United States was governed by the English. It is still goverened by the English fashions.

The largest city in America is **New York**.

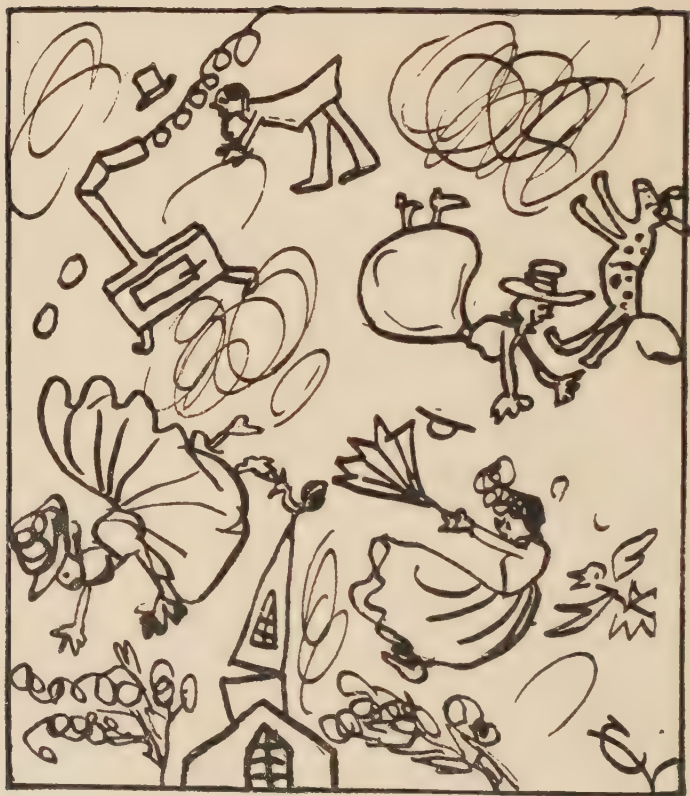
New York is also the noisiest city in the world. It contains nearly **Four**

**Million** people, over one-third of these being foreigners, speaking 20 **Different Languages**.

There are **One Million Jews** of various nationalities in New York.

NOTE.—New York has the most efficient *Fire Department* in the World.

NOTE.—The Inhabitants are the **Most Moral and Patriotic** people in the World and their **Army** is second to none in **Bravery**.



A BUSY DAY IN CHICAGO

*An imitation of a picture*

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A BUSY DAY IN BOSTON

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A BUSY DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

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*Chapter XXIV***NORWAY AND SWEDEN**  
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For a long time believed to be **inseparable**, these twin countries were in 1905 **parted** by the most remarkable **surgical operation** of modern times — and without the loss of a single drop of blood.

The Norwegians are famous for their **Courage**, which is pleasingly alluded to by the poet, Edward Lear, in the following lines:



*There was a young lady of Norway  
Who casually sat in a doorway,  
When the door squeezed her flat,  
she exclaimed "what of that!"  
This courageous young lady of  
Norway.*

The same poet sings cheerfully of the remarkable patriotism of the Swede:



A BUSY DAY IN LONDON

*An imitation of a picture*

By CECILIA LOFTUS



*There was a young lady of Sweden  
Who went by the slow train to  
Weedon,*

*When they cried "Weedon Sta-  
tion!" she made no observa-  
tion*

*But thought she should go back to  
Sweden.*

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Most Moral and Patriotic people in  
the world and their Army is second  
to none in Bravery.

## Chapter XXV

### GREAT BRITAIN



"The apparel oft proclaims the man"

— HAMLET

If you look carefully in  
the middle of the left-hand



side of the map of Europe, you will find a small **Pink Island** about the size of Idaho. This is **England**.

It is governed by a king and a council of **Peers** and **Prelates** called the House of Lords.

### London

**London** is the capital of England, the head office of the largest **real estate** business on earth, embracing one fifth of the surface of the globe.

**London** is also the centre of **Respectability**. So much so that for any



This is the famous **Rock of Gibraltar**. It belongs to **Great Britain**, and upon its face may be seen the watchword of **British Respectability**. (*Honi soit qui mal y pense*) done into **English**.



degree of latitude the Londoners must go to Paris, Vienna, New York and other foreign cities. In return these cities take their degrees of longitude from London (or Greenwich).

Perhaps this is why the English are the most ubiquitous people in the world. It is their boast that the **Sun Never Sets** on the British Empire.

NOTE.— *It has been hinted that this is because Providence fears to trust an Englishman in the dark.*

The principal products of England are Beef, Beer, and Bibles;



“The apparel oft proclaims the man”

— HAMLET

and of Scotland, Porridge, Parsons, Pibrochs, and Parsimony.

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## Wales

Wales is the Habitat of the **Welsh Rabbit**; immortalized by Miss Carolyn Wells in the following poem.

### The Welsh Rabbit



*See the Welsh Rabbit — he is bred on cheese;  
(Or cheese on bread, whichever way you please.)  
Although he's tough, he looks so mild, who'd think  
That a strong man from this small beast would shrink?  
But close behind him follows the nightmare,  
Beware of them, they are a frightful pair.*

*Chapter XXVI***IRELAND**

“The apparel oft proclaims the man” — HAMLET

Ireland is the home of the **Irish Bull**, a paradoxical Bovine whose cross-eyed horns can toss a **British Commonplace** in two directions at once.

A **poetess** of our own time, Miss Carolyn Wells, has cleverly taken the Irish bull by the horns in the following lines:





## THE IRISH BULL

*Among the stock jokes it is oft averred  
The Irish Bull is best of all the heard  
He has no points, he has no head or tail  
But many a jovial party he regales  
And all his hearers will with laughter choke  
Except his Brother John who sees no Joke.*


Ireland is also famous for **snakes** of which it has none. Its principal inhabitants are **absentee landlords**. For population — see United States.

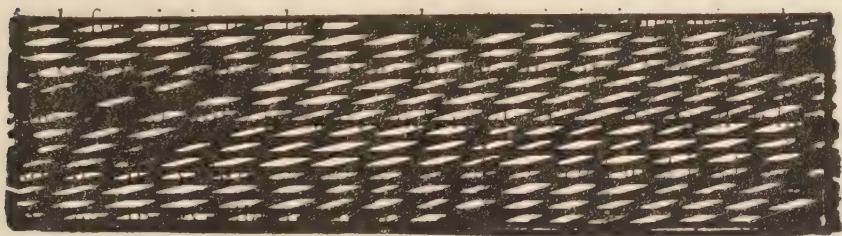
The principal products of Ireland are Potatoes, Pugilists, Patriots and Bernard Shaw.

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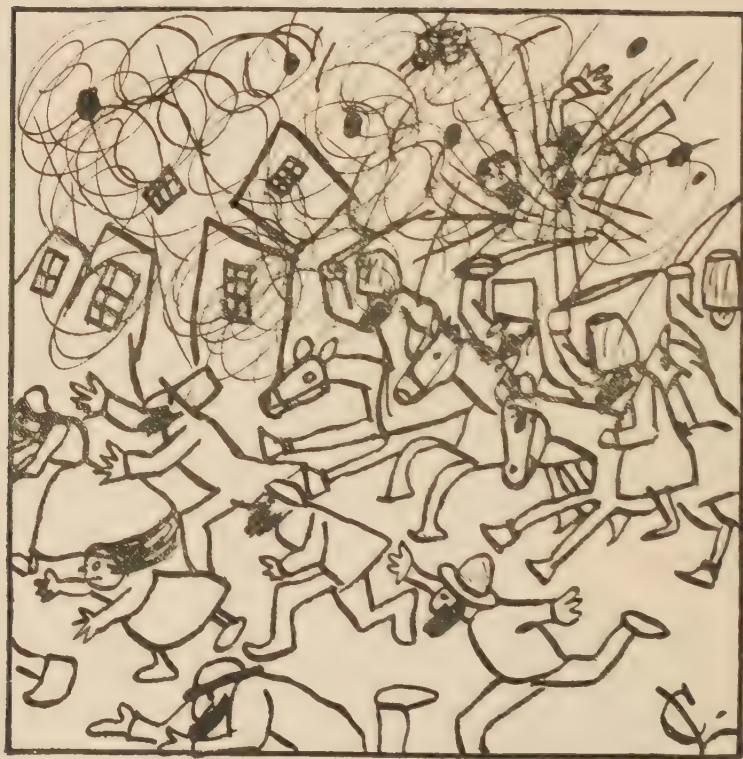
*Chapter XXVII***R U S S I A**

**Russia** comprises a sixth of the landscape of the globe. It is the **Property** of **Nicholas II**, Emperor of all the Russias.

Nicholas II is also called "Batuschka" which means "the **Little Father**" or "the young-man-afraid-of-his-relatives."  In spite of this **pet name** Nicholas II is perhaps the most thoroughly



-popular man in all Russia. **Nothing derogatory** to his character is ever seen in the Russian **papers**, and foreign publications are **carefully edited** by the police.



A BUSY DAY IN ST. PETERSBURG

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THE STEPPES OF RUSSIA



LITTLE FATHER

The following tribute is from a poem by Thomas Bailey Aldrich:

*Father they called him from of old —  
Batuschka! . . . How his heart is cold!  
Wait till a million scourged men  
Rise in their awful might and then —  
God save the Tsar!"*

To Russia belongs the credit of the Invention of **Cold Storage.**



Her wise rulers, recognizing the danger of over-heated **Brains**, have established in **Siberia** a cold storage plant for the preservation of the **Thinking Portion** of her Population.



A BUG BEAR

The **Russian Bear** was at one time the **Terror** of **Europe** — but this piece of **Nature Faking** was exploded in 1904 after a series of exhaustive tests by **Japanese Experts** when it was proved to be only a **Bug Bear**.

The principal products of Russia are Caviar, Conspiracy and Count Tolstoy.

**NOTE.** — The Inhabitants are the Most Moral and Patriotic people in the world and their Army is second to none in Bravery.

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## QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

¶ Why is Nicholas II?

*Chapter XXVIII***CHINA**

**China** is the most popular country in the world. There are (or should be) in China **400,000,000 Chinese**.

**China** is surrounded by a highly **inefficient wall**.

NOTE.—*The Chinese wall is not what it is cracked up to be.*

**The Open Door**

Every one agrees that **China** should have a **door**.

The rest of the nations want the Chinese door made only to open **inwards**.

The Chinese, however,

prefer their door to open **outwards**.

So the question of the open door is **still unsettled**.

At a recent meeting of the **Powers**, **Peter Simple** suggested a **Revolving Door** as a compromise.

An imperial commission was at once appointed by the **Dowager Empress** to report on the revolving door.

The report is **anxiously awaited**.

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**QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD**

¶ When is a wall not a wall?

*Chapter XXIX***FRANCE**

“The apparel oft proclaims the man” — HAMLET

**France** is the greatest **millinery power** on Earth.  
The capital of France is

**Paris**

Paris, though inhabited chiefly by Americans, is famous for its gayety.





Its principal products are Plaster of Paris, Paris Green and Paris.

Paris is divided into two parts:

### I. Paris Proper

Paris Proper is famous for the Magazine de Louvre, which is visited by millions of Americans daily.

NOTE.—*There is also another building called the Louvre containing pictures and statues.*

### II. Paris Improper

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See higher grade geography for older children.

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Chapter XXX  
**GERMANY**



“The apparel oft proclaims the man”

— HAMLET

**Germany** is the land of Soldiers, Sourkraut, Sau-sages, and Sentimentality.

Next to the **ants** the Germans are the most pains-taking people on earth.

The ruler of Germany, **William II**, sometimes called William the unsilent, is a most **popular monarch**.

Like Nicholas II his press notices in the German papers are invariably of the most favorable character.

**NOTE.**—The Inhabitants are the Most Moral and Patriotic people in the world and their Army is second to none in Bravery.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

**Who is the greatest**

- ¶ Soldier, Talker, Painter, Sculptor, Poet, Orchestra leader, Yachtsman, and everything else in Germany?
- ¶ At how many battles has William II been present?
- ¶ How does it happen that they were all sham battles?
- ¶ Why is William II called the war lord?



## Chapter XXXI

### HOLLAND

A **kingdom** on the North Sea, about one third the size of **Kentucky**. The principal products are Horse and Herrings.

The capital of Holland is the **Hague**. According to Edward Lear the inhabitants of the Hague are a **vague** and self-delusive people.

He writes as follows:

*There was an old man of the  
Hague,  
Whose ideas were exclusively  
vague;*

*He built a balloon to examine the  
moon —  
That deluded old man of the  
Hague.*



A DELUDED OLD MAN OF THE  
HAGUE



Some think this is a veiled prophetic allusion to **Carnegie** and his **Peace Palace** at the Hague.

### The Peace Conference

A meeting of the representatives of **Autocrats** and **Plutocrats** to discuss the economics of **war**.

**Firstly**—to make rules by which war may be conducted with the **least** possible **damage** to the private property and **vested interests** of the plutocrats.

**Secondly** — to **reduce** the **cost** of war by the use of **bullets** which, while putting a soldier out of

action for the time being, will not injure him beyond the possibility of repair for use in another war.

NOTE. — *This so-called "Peace Conference" is said to have been invented by Nicholas II. If this be true then Mr. W. S. Gilbert and Mr. Mark Twain had better look to their laurels.*

NOTE.—The Inhabitants are the Most Moral and Patriotic people in the world and their Army is second to none in Bravery.

*Chapter XXXII***SWITZERLAND**

Switzerland is famous for its **condensed milk** and **cuckoo clocks**.

The **Swiss** are an **Artless** people.

**Whistler** in his famous "**Ten o'clock**" bears testimony to this:

"What more worthy people! Whose every Alpine gap yawns with tradition, and is stocked with noble story; yet, the perverse and scornful one (*Art*) will none of it, and the sons of patriots are left with the clock that turns the mill, and the sudden cuckoo,

with difficulty restrained in its box."

*"For this was Tell a hero!  
For this did Gessler die!"*

**NOTE.** — Nevertheless, the Inhabitants are the **Most Moral** and **Patriotic** people in the world and their **Army** is second to none in **Bravery**.

*Chapter XXXIII***SOUTH AMERICA**

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Up to the present century **South America** has been an integral part of the **American continent**.

It will shortly be an **island** by the order of **Theodore Roosevelt**.

See the colored two-page map of the **World Apartments**.

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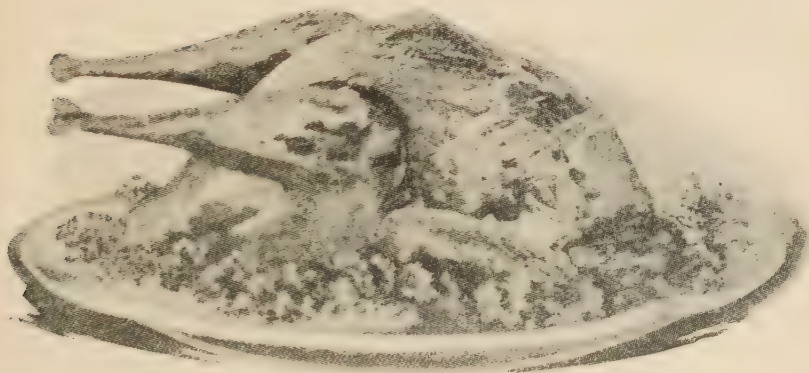
*Chapter XXXIV***MONACO**

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**Monaco** is the centre of the **spinning industry** of the world.

Over a million and a quarter people go to **Monte Carlo** every year to spin.

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*Chapter XXXV***TURKEY**

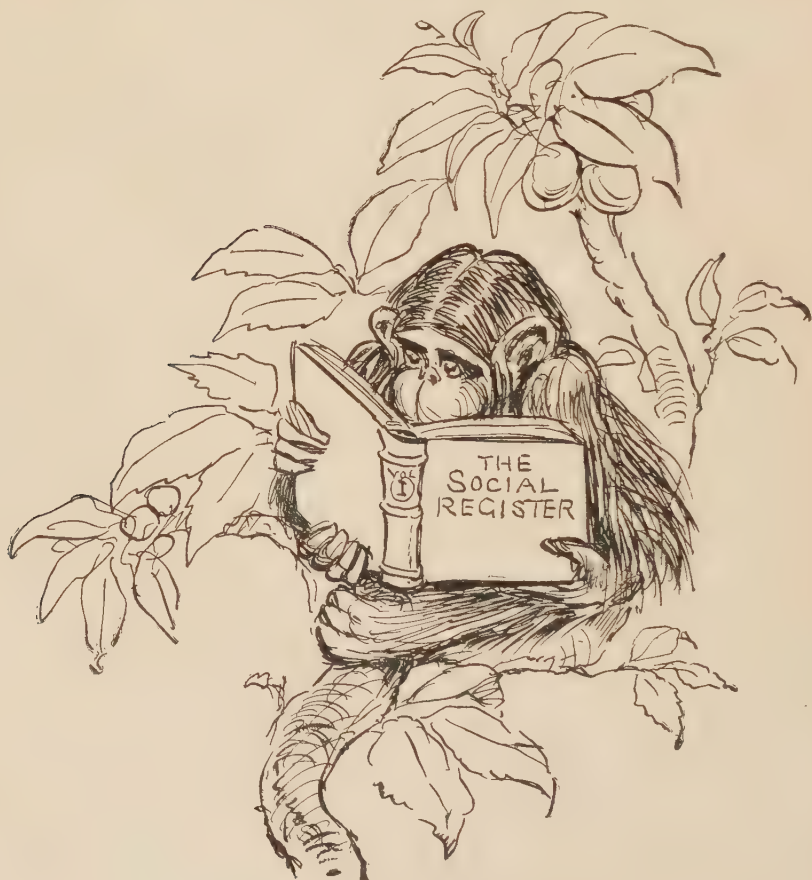
This is how it **looks** to England, France, Germany and Russia.

The Turkish women wear trousers, enjoying all the comforts without incurring any of the responsibilities of the bifurcated garment.

The Turks are a fearless people. They have many wives.

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A CHIMPANZEE IN AN ANCESTRAL TREE



*Children, behold the Chimpanzee!*  
*He sits on the Ancestral Tree*  
*From which we sprang in ages*  
*gone.*

*I'm glad we sprang — had we*  
*held on*

*We might, for aught that I can say,*  
*Be horrid Chimpanzees to-day.*

## Chapter XXXVI

### AFRICA



“The apparel oft proclaims the man”

— HAMLET

Africa is the richest **jack pot** in the great game of Territorial “**Freeze out**” played by the European Powers.



The **stakes** represent Diamonds, Gold, Ivory, Rubber and Slaves, though the latter are nominally outside the **limit**.

The **game** began a long time ago and now, in the **early morning** of the 20th century, is still in progress.



A SCENE IN AFRICA

Perhaps the most remarkable of the **inhabitants** of Africa are the **chimpan-**

**zees**, a race of non-proselytizing vegetarians.

In common with people of that belief, the chimpanzees are **gentle** and **peace-loving**—and though unkempt and startling in appearance they are **patriotic** to a high degree, very few surviving transportation from their native country.

*Chapter XXXVII***THE BEDOUINS**

A BEDOUIN



A FOLDING BEDOUIN

The Bedouin makes his **bed** in the sand, or **Bed-rock**, avoiding river beds or water in any form.

He must not be confounded with the **Folding Bedouin** of a North American tribe described by Professor Alexander Brown in his great work, "In darkest Boston."

The Folding Bedouins and the **Hall-Romanians** are semi-nomadic tribes believed by some to be descended from the original race of the **Red Incas** of **Bohemia**.

*Chapter XXXVIII***A U S T R A L I A**  
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Australia, the second **Largest Block** of the British real estate syndicate, is about the size of the United States, exclusive of Alaska.

Any one desiring a change from the **wearisome rotations** of our seasons should go to Australia, where **Spring** commences on September 23, **Summer** — December 22, **Autumn** — March 21, **Winter** — June 21.

The **Fauna** of Australia, as if determined not to be

outdone in eccentricity by the seasons, is represented by the **Ornithorynchus Paradoxus**—or Duck-billed Platypus — which has been described in the following lines:



THE ORNITHORYNCHUS PARADOXUS



### The Platypus

*My child, the Duck-billed Platypus  
A sad example sets for us.*

*From him we learn how Indecision*

*Of character provokes Derision.*

*The vacillating thing, you see,*

*Could not decide which he would  
be —*

*Fish, Fleck or Fowl, — and chose  
all three.*

*The scientists were sorely vexed,*

*To classify him so perplexed*

*Then brained that they with rage  
at bay*

*Called him a horrid name one day,*

*A name that baffles, frights and  
shocks us,*

*Ornithorhynchus Paradoxus.*

### QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILD

- ¶ What is your opinion of the Australian starting machine?
- ¶ How does it compare with the Governor Hughes finishing machine?
- ¶ Explain the working of the Australian ballot system.
- ¶ How may it be "worked" with the greatest success?
- ¶ What is the December issue of an Australian magazine — the Christmas or the Midsummer holiday number?
- ¶ From what famous singer does the city of Melbourne take its name?

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### *Chapter XXXIX*

#### **MODERN GEOGRAPHICAL DISCOVERERS**

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Far be it from us to speak lightly of the work of **Christopher Columbus** — and yet when we consider the size of **America** and the consequent impossibility of his sailing in any direction except home without discovering it, we can only compare the achievement to the finding of a **Haystack** in a **Package** of **Needles**.

It is refreshing to turn from **Columbus' Discovery**, the wisdom of

which is to-day a matter of question, to the much more wonderful **Geographical Discoveries** of our own time.

Among the most important are the following:

#### **Land of the Jumblies**

**Discovered** in 18-hundred and fifty something by **Edward Lear** who described the country in the never to be forgotten lines:

*"Far and Few, Far and Few  
Are the lands where the Jumblies  
live.  
Their heads are green and their  
hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a sieve."*





THE JUMBLIES

Edward Lear also **dis-**  
**covered** the land where  
the **Bong Tree** grows.

*"They sailed away for a year  
and a day  
To the land where the Bong  
Tree grows."*

### Wonderland

**Discovered** by **Lewis**  
**Carroll** in 187-.

In the year following  
Mr. Carroll made his fa-  
mous trip **through** the **Look-**

**ing Glass** and discovered  
that most important addi-  
tion to our modern Fauna  
-- the **Jabberwock** who

*"with eyes of flame  
Came whiffling through the  
Tulgeywood  
And burred as it came."*



A JABBERWOCK



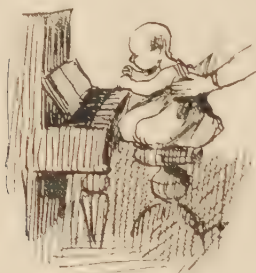
### Topsyturvydom

#### **This Wonderful Country**

*"Where vice is virtue, virtue vice,  
Where nice is nasty, nasty nice,  
Where right is wrong and wrong  
is right,*

*Where white is black and black  
is white,"*

was discovered by W. S. Gilbert in the year 1867.



EARLY PORTRAIT OF W. S. GILBERT, THE DISCOVERER OF TOPSYTURVY LAND, AND SUSPECTED FOUNDER OF THE HAGUE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The discovery of **Topsy-**

**turvydom** marks an Era in modern **Geographical Science** — as there was only one Moses so there is only one Gilbert, and never since the Exodus of the Israelites has there been anything to compare with the rush of literary emigrants to stake claims upon the land of Topsyturvydom.

### Stageland

Discovered by **Jerome K. Jerome** about 1890.

NOTE. — The student is cautioned against confounding the discoverer of **Stageland** with **Another Traveler** of that name made famous by his excursions into the **Land of Nod**.

**Robert Louis Stevenson**

One of the very greatest of modern discoverers, struck out (1880) into an entirely new country, and in **Prince Otto**, opened up a mine rich in high-grade **Romantic Ore**. The success of the Prince Otto mine resulted in the devastation of the new territory by a horde of **Romantic Prospectors** and **Literary Land Grabbers** who opened new mines on all sides.

The vein is now exhausted and the country so played out as to be

avoided even by Cook's tourists.

Among other modern geographical discoveries may be mentioned **Never Neverland**, discovered by **J. M. Barry**, and **Toyland**, by **Hy. Meyer**.

These two countries are inhabited chiefly by little people.

NOTE. — *The Terrestrial globe is surrounded by imaginary lines, but the globe of imagination has no boundaries and the records of discovery in Imaginary Geography fill many volumes. For a complete set see Andrew Carnegie.*

## THE END

*If this little world to-night  
Suddenly should fall thro' space  
In a hissing, headlong flight  
Shrivelling from off its face,  
As it falls into the sun,  
In an instant every trace  
Of the little crawling things —  
Ants, philosophers, and lice,  
Cattle, cockroaches, and kings,  
Beggars, millionaires, and mice,  
Men and maggots all as one  
As it falls into the sun —  
Who can say but at the same  
Instant from some planet far  
A child may watch us and exclaim:  
"See the pretty shooting star!"*



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